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Subject: Enduring Res., LLC, Coyote Basin (CB) 8-24-11-12 and Coyote Wash (CW) 8-24-44-33
RDCC Project No. 20885

Dear Ms. Howard:

The State of Utah, through the Public Lands Policy Coordination Office (PLPCO), has reviewed this project. Utah Code (Section 63J-4-601, *et. seq.*) designates PLPCO as the entity responsible to coordinate the review of technical and policy actions that may affect the physical resources of the state, and to facilitate the exchange of information on those actions among federal, state, and local government agencies. As part of this process, PLPCO makes use of the Resource Development Coordinating Committee (RDCC). The RDCC includes representatives from the state agencies that are generally involved or impacted by public lands management.

PLPCO recently sent you a comment letter on this proposed project. The state requests that the BLM include the following comment as part of the record. Please augment our previous comments with the comments presented within this letter.

Division of Wildlife Resources

The proposed location for well CB 8-24-11-12 is in close proximity to a greater sage-grouse lek. As stated in the controlled surface-use stipulation recommended in *Utah's Plan for Sage-Grouse and Development* (<http://wildlife.utah.gov/uplandgame/sage-grouse/sg-dev.php>), development may proceed when every reasonable effort has been made to avoid and reduce disturbance impacts to sage-grouse habitats. To prevent disturbance to the lek and the sage-grouse in attendance, UDWR recommends no construction or drilling activities occur within two-miles of the lek between March 1st and June 15th.

The State of Utah appreciates the opportunity to review this proposal and we look forward to working with you on future projects. Please direct any other written questions regarding this correspondence to the Public Lands Policy Coordination Office at the address below, or call Judy Edwards at (801) 537-9023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Harja".

John Harja
Director